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Mr. A. Manley
Newark, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Manley:-

After much delay account of attending the meeting in Chicago, Wilkie wanted to talk it over with his board of strategy, Dismukes and Duncan, they decided they didn't want to trade Troupe for Mathews.

One reason they didn't think they could get Mathews account he told them last year was making around \$100.00 per week and he would have to have better than that if he left home to play ball.

And I heard Gottlieb said Troupe belonged to him, I don't know how he got to own Troupe, as I remember Ed said last year that George Mitchell gave Troupe to Phil. Mitchell had as much right to give Hilton Smith to them as he did Troupe. I will be a good fellow and give Newark Josh Gibson and Barnhill, it is the same as George giving Troupe to Phil.

Mithhell appeared before our meeting at Chicago March 5th. asking to be an associated member, I ask him to tell our president before the other members who Troupe belonged to, he said he belonged to Kansas City, I ask him if the deal was made before he quit the N.A.L. and he said yes and you have a letter to that effect, which I have and also the canceled check where we paid for the release of Troupe.

I am sorry about this delay, but as I don't handle the players I had to wait until I got the word from the board of strategy.

We have tentative plans to play in Washington June 25th. and perhaps we can play at Newark and am sure we would draw for you as the Monarchs have never been to Newark.

Wishing you a very successful season, I am,

Yours truly,

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